CHAPTER 7: BATHS AND SHAMPOO

OF COURSE, BOILING THE WATER ISN'T EASY.
I BOUGHT AN INDUSTRIAL STOCK POT FROM THE OFFERINGS CATALOG AND FILLED THAT UP A COUPLE TIMES.
AFTER THAT, I ADDED A LITTLE COLD WATER TO GET THE RIGHT TEMPERATURE.
HONESTLY, IT'S KIND OF A PAIN.
I'LL HAVE TO SEE HOW IT CAN BE IMPROVED, BUT...
Fwah...
I'VE BEEN RELYING ON THE RIVER FOR MY BATHING NEEDS EVER SINCE I GOT HERE.
Splosh
It's freezing...
I KEPT AT IT EVERY DAY, BUT FOR SOMEONE BORN IN THE MODERN AGE LIKE ME, IT'S JUST TOO UNCOMFORTABLE.
Splash
Splash
NOTHING BEATS A BATH WHEN YOU'RE ALL WORN OUT.
THOUGH IT'S NOT THE FARM WORK THAT'S DOING THAT TO ME.

EVEN MY LORD OF THE NIGHT SKILL WON'T SAVE ME WHEN THEY KEEP TAGGING EACH OTHER IN.
IT'S THEIR FAULT.
OF COURSE, THEY ALL GET THEIR MORNING AND GOOD NIGHT KISSES.
SHE AND SONIA TUCK INTO SOME ARCHDRAGON LIVER AND GO FULL BERSERK MODE.
AND IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, WE GET A SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM THAT FOX-EARED GIRL AROUND ONCE A WEEK.
FRANKLY, I JUST CAN'T KEEP UP ANYMORE.
IT'S SO MUCH EFFORT... IT REALLY IS, BUT...

I LOVE IT.
GLINT
SO I GUESS I CAN DEAL WITH THE DOWNSIDES.
OH...
THERE ARE TWO MOONS.
I KNEW ABOUT THE RED MOON, BUT TODAY THERE'S A NORMAL ONE AS WELL.
IT MIGHT HAVE SOME WEIRD ORBIT THAT MEANS IT ONLY COMES OUT EVERY NOW AND THEN.
...
I GUESS I'VE NEVER REALLY JUST SAT AND WATCHED THE NIGHT SKY...

AT FIRST, I WAS JUST SCRAPING BY ON SNAKE MEAT.
THEN, I HAD ALL THESE WOMEN SUDDENLY COMING ONTO ME...
RIPPING ME OFF...
I'VE EVEN GOT A DEMON LORD HANGING AROUND ME NOW.
WELL, I'VE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO GET A LIFE TOGETHER HERE.
I'VE GOT ALL THE FOOD I WANT, AND I CAN JUST ASK MARIA IF I NEED ANY SUPPLIES.
LASTLY, I'VE GOT THE OFFERING BOX FOR ALL THE CONDIMENTS I COULD EVER ASK FOR.
YEAH... I THINK MY LIFE HERE WILL BE JUST FINE.
Splash
MORE THAN ANYTHING, THOUGH...
THOSE GIRLS... THEY'RE ALL SO CUTE...
BATH-TIME!

I'm up next~!
Flap
ZO
OM
MY FIRST BATH~
H-HEY, WAIT!

I'VE GOT A PRESENT FOR YOU.
WHAT?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HMM?
THIS IS THE PRESENT?
startle
I THINK YOU'LL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.
SHP
Shampoo

Oh?!
Whoaaa!

Whee!
THIS FEELS GREAT~!

BWOOSH
FLUFF
...
W-W-WHOA.

IT'S AMAZING!
IT'S SO SMOOTH AND SILKY!
SEE? COOL, HUH!
YES. YES! IT REALLY IS!

WHAT IS THIS?! WHAT ARE THESE?!
THEY'RE TOILETRIES.
THAT'S SHAMPOO...
CONDITIONER...
AND BODY SOAP.
Body Soap
MOST PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD JUST WASH THEMSELVES WITH WATER.
EMPTY A BUCKET OVER THEIR HEADS, DRY OFF WITH A TOWEL, AND CALL IT A DAY.
THERE'S NO WAY ANY OF THEM HAVE EVEN SEEN BODY SOAP, NEVERMIND OTHER KINDS OF TOILETRIES.
SONIA AND THE RABBITS ALREADY HAD CLEAN, STRAIGHT HAIR...
AND THE SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER HAVE ELEVATED IT TO AN ALMOST ANGELIC SOFTNESS.
YOU'VE GOT TO REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE STILL GIRLS. IT'S OBVIOUS THEY'D BE THRILLED WITH THEIR HAIR TAKEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND, BUT THANK YOU!
I'VE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE IT!
MY HAIR'S ALL SILKY! I'M SO HAPPY!
Squeeze
AHH, WHAT A SWEET SCENT…
THE SMELL OF A GIRL FRESH OUT OF THE BATH IS JUST PLAIN UNFAIR…
YOU'RE WELCOME…
Tatsuya-sama?

I would like to try these "toiletries" of yours as well!
Push
Boing
OH, WHY'S THAT?
I AM A WOMAN, TOO.
WELL, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME T-
PSHOOM

HMM...
I HAVE NO CLUE HOW TO ACTUALLY USE IT...
IS THIS CORRECT?
Psht
Psht
Rub
Droop
Droop
Splurt
Ngh...

Rub
Floop
WHAT A WONDERFUL AROMA...
Rub
I c-can't wait for Tatsuya-sama to smell it... ♥
Droop
Droop

AHH, I DON'T KNOW WHY...
BUT I CAN FEEL SOMETHING COMING...
Sw sh

Floof
SHE'S REALLY FISHING FOR IT.
Glance
Glance
...

You look beautiful.
!!!
BA
DUMP
Kyah!
Master?
Wiggle
Wiggle

IF YOU WOULD BE SO CHARI-TABLE...
MIGHT I ALSO BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE THESE TOILETRIES?
BOW
ALL RIGHT, WHY?
THERE IS A BATTLE I CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE...
SURE.
I CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO KEEP YOU FOR THEM-SELVES!

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN OBJECT BEFORE...
HOW DOES IT WORK?
Ngh...
AH, I HAVE TO TOUCH HERE FOR IT TO COME OUT.
Twist
Twist

!
WHERE DID THESE BUBBLES COME FROM?!
IT... IT FEELS LIKE A SOFT VEIL'S ENVELOPING MY SKIN...

I MAY BE A SUBJECT OF THE DEMON LORD...
BUT I CAN FEEL MY BODY AND SOUL BEING PURIFIED!
Sw——sh

Floof
STARE
...
...

You look charming.
You flatter me.
Bow
THIS REALLY REMINDS ME...

JUST HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY ALL ARE.
...

You're all...
Incredibly pretty.

Tatsuya-sama... ♥
Flush
He he!
Ha Ha
....!
Ha Ha
Badump

Um... Tatsuya-sama...
HM?
How do I smell?
O-OH, YEAH! YOU SMELL GREAT!
Please, master...
I scented myself purely for your enjoyment.

He he, I win!
Squeeze
I have the longest hair! The best smelling hair!
...
...
...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
MY, JUST HOW MUCH EFFORT DO YOU BELIEVE I PUT INTO WASHING EVERY INCH OF MYSELF?
RUMBLE
OH? HOW ABOUT A CONTEST, THEN?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
TATSUYA~! DON'T I SMELL THE BEST?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AND SO, BY THE END OF THE NIGHT...

I WAS COVERED, HEAD TO TOE...
IN THE SWEET SCENT OF SHAMPOO.